(c) whether orders have been implemented; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Scope of Indian exports to Germany

1079. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is great scope for Indian exports to Germany as a result of the introduction of market economy by that country;

(b) whether a shift in German economic policy has given a greater boost to the Indian exports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) to (c) Indian exports to former GDR were small in quantum and restricted in variety. Market economy would progressively increase prospects, in varying degrees of increased exports among others in items such as garments, fabrics, tea, coffee, spices, carpets, gem and jewellery, engineering goods, forgings and castings.

Proposal to exempt the Bank loans of farmers affected by Hailstorm

1080. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to exempt the bank loans of those farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991;

(b) whether Government also propose to provide the above affected farmers fresh loans on low rate of interest; and

(c) if so, what are the details of such proposals?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) There are standing instructions from Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to banks for extending relief to the farmers whose crops are damaged due to natural calamities by way of conversion of short term loans into medium term loans provided the crop loss is more than 50 per cent of the normal yield. The farmers whose crops were damaged due to hailstorm in the month of February, 1991 would be eligible for this facility.

(b) and (c) The farmers whose crop loans are converted into medium term loans can be provided with fresh crop loans at the normal rate of interest to start next crop operations.

Valuables seized during raids by Income Tax Officers

1081. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated amount Cash, Jewellery, Gold, Moveable and Immoveable property, separately seized in the Capital by the Income Tax officials during raids from 1st January, 1990 to 15th February, 1991;

(b) what are the details of the such raids conducted; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against each defaulter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS